

Aguia Resources Ltd.: Initial Scout Drilling at Big Ranch Identifies Pervasive System of Sulphide Mineralisation

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Highlights:

- First pass scout drilling at Big Ranch defines a large system of sulphide mineralisation
- High-grade samples intersected over thin intervals
- Next stage of exploration being developed to continue vectoring program using data gathered to date
- Três Estradas permitting process in final stages with community consultation in Lavras do Sul set for March 20, 2019

TORONTO, March 06, 2019 - [Aguia Resources Limited](#) (ASX: AGR, TSXV: AGRL) ("Aguia" or the "Company") is pleased to report on results from its recent 2,224 metre diamond drilling program at the Big Ranch copper prospect in southern Brazil.

As previously announced, the Company discovered a new zone of copper mineralisation on 23 tenements across 34,000 hectares on ground staked within the Rio Grande Copper Belt, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (Figure 1).

The Big Ranch target is located along the northern edge of the Caçapava Granite and consists of a 6 km-long zone that hosts significant copper and gold in soils anomalies. Anomalous trends of zinc and lead have also been mapped. These soil anomalies were followed-up using a combination of ground geophysical exploration methods, including Induced Polarization (IP) with gradient and dipole-dipole arrays, magnetics and radiometric surveys. By analyzing the data gathered from the ground geophysics, in combination with mapping, rock chip sampling and trench results, Aguias's technical team identified a number of promising locations for exploratory drill holes.

"Figure 1. Geological map of the Rio Grande Copper Belt. The Big Ranch target inset is detailed in Figure 2." is available at

<http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/f0481818-6617-43bd-a315-3a3c8c870478>

The drilling program commenced in October 2018. The main purpose of this campaign was to acquire additional data on the geology and nature of the hydrothermally altered rocks at depth, to provide the necessary information for a more accurate interpretation of the copper and base metals showings identified to that point.

This first pass of exploration drilling, which focused on the broadly spaced surface base metal showings, structural controls and associated geophysical anomalies, has successfully identified a 6 km by 2 km zone of mineralisation including zinc, copper and precious metals. The data gathered in this drill program will be used to vector towards zones that exhibit high discovery potential for future drilling.

Assay results have been received for 11 holes with mineralisation encountered in 7 holes. The assays from the drilling program confirm Aguias has identified a major hydrothermal system and provides greater understanding of the distribution and nature of the various geophysical and geochemical anomalies mapped at surface and also at depth. Intense hydrothermal alteration including chlorite, carbonate and K-feldspar halos host the sulfide minerals. Pyrrhotite and pyrite are the most abundant sulfide species and explain the bulk of the geophysical anomalies that were mapped. Zinc and copper sulfide minerals occur in association with the iron-sulfides. High-grade samples were intersected over thin intervals. The next stage of the exploration program is being developed to continue the vectoring program using the data gathered. The key objective moving forward will be to identify and rank structural and chemical trap zones that can potentially

favor the concentration of economic sulfide mineralisation. The table below summarizes the assay results received to date:

Table 1. Assay results from Big Ranch drill campaign

Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Cu%	Zn%	Pb%	Au gpt	Ag gpt
RGD-18-002	34.30	37.60	3.30		0.29			
		Including	0.60	0.13	0.70	0.34		
	50.45	51.70	1.25		0.36	0.12		
	80.40	81.55	1.15		1.21	0.56		
		Including	0.55		1.72	1.06		
	89.50	90.20	0.70		1.48			
	114.00	115.00	1.00		0.46			
	138.25	140.25	2.00		0.55	0.11		
	138.25	140.25	2.00		0.55	0.11		
	151.72	152.70	0.98		0.72			
RGD-18-006	0.00	1.40	1.40					17.00
	24.05	27.00	2.95				0.88	
		Including	0.95				2.04	
	118.55	119.10	0.55	0.83			0.28	5.60
RGD-18-007	4.95	5.60	0.65				0.11	
	5.60	10.90	5.30		0.14			
	29.29	30.00	0.71				0.32	
	91.37	92.14	0.77	0.15				
RGD-18-008	132.00	133.00	1.00				0.27	
	135.00	136.00	1.00					0.13
	138.00	139.00	1.00				0.26	
	47.15	47.65	0.50	0.19	0.43		0.20	8.10
RGD-18-010	55.50	57.00	1.50	0.17				
	9.85	12.40	2.55	0.22	0.15			2.54

"Figure 2. Map of the Big Ranch Target highlighting the four Target Areas and drill hole locations" is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/49a0d6c2-19f9-4bcf-b780-321dd61a463d>

The surrounding geological environment is highly prospective and includes the past producing Camaqua copper mine, a new Zn-Pb project currently being licensed by Nexa Resources (Votorantim Group), and the Andrade copper occurrence owned by Brazilian-based Referencial.

Exploration activity continues in the Rio Grande Copper belt and further results are expected later in the first quarter.

Três Estradas Project

Meanwhile, Aguiá is very focused on preparations for its upcoming community consultation due to take place in Lavras do Sul on March 20, 2019. The community consultation is a major event that occurs in the environmental permitting for a Brazilian mining project. The consultation is open to the public and provides a forum for all stakeholders to learn more about the project, ask questions and share their point of view. The event is planned to last four hours and be attended by up to 800 people. Aguiá's team in Lavras do Sul is fully engaged in preparations for the public hearings and has been engaged in an outreach campaign that has included workshops, seminars, community events and participation in local agriculture fairs. Support for the project locally has been very positive.

Commentary

Technical Director Fernando Tallarico commented: "This initial scout drilling program across a very large area of the Big Ranch Target has allowed us to gain a better understanding of the subsurface information on the geophysical and geochemical anomalies we mapped earlier in 2018. The drill program provided us with valuable information of the nature of what is clearly a very large hydrothermal system we are targeting, and more importantly, of the zoning and associated sulfide minerals. The next step will be to vector towards potential trap zones: areas where structural and/or chemical barriers can favor the formation of mineral deposits."

Managing Director Justin Reid added: "Our objective with the Big Ranch drill program has been to learn as much as we can about this very large target on our first pass. Big Ranch now marks the northern border of our holdings in the Rio Grande Copper Belt with Canhada at the southern end and the recently optioned Primavera Project sandwiched in the middle. We plan to continue to test targets along the belt with a particular focus on Andrade which has delivered compelling drill results in the last couple of months and look forward to delivering additional results as they become available."

"Meanwhile, we are fully engaged with the local authorities in Rio Grande do Sul to complete the final steps of the environmental permitting for Três Estradas. The community consultation coming up in late March is a major milestone event for Agüia and our team has been engaged in a polished and professional outreach campaign for months to develop a positive message and image in advance of the public event."

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Qualified Person

The technical information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Fernando Tallarico, who is a member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario, Technical Director for Agüia and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. Dr. Tallarico consents to the inclusion of his name in this release. Dr. Tallarico verified the data disclosed in this press release in accordance with industry standard best practices, including sampling, analytical, and test data underlying the information or opinions contained herein.

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